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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	LIANI TJOKRONEGORO, ARNOLDO MONTESINOS BERRIO, JOHN CASEY, ALEXANDER HARRISON, VICKY JIN, MICHAEL STANFIELD, ROBERT OLESON, LESLIE COYNE, DAVID MURRAY, BRIAN YEP, WILLIAM HUDSON, CARL SHELL, GERALD HEUMAN, DONALD NITTO, RUDY JAMES, CLARENCE CORMIER, JAN HARMAN, JAMES SCANNELL, THOMAS LUBY, DOROTHY ARKELL, WILLIAM BURKE, and GARY GARMAN,  Plaintiffs,  vs.  1000 SUTTER LLC; ECS HOUSING CORPORATION; CARITAS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,  Defendants.	COMPLAINT FOR:  CGC-21-596064  1. BREACH OF STATUTORY WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY;  2. BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY;  3. VIOLATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO RENT ORDINANCE – COUNT ONE;  4. VIOLATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO RENT ORDINANCE – COUNT TWO;  5. VIOLATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO RENT ORDINANCE – COUNT THREE;  6. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA FEHA;  7. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT;  8. ELDER ABUSE;  9. NEGLIGENCE;  10. NUISANCE;  11. NEGLIGENCE PER SE;  12. BREACH OF CONTRACT;  13. BREACH OF COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING;  14. BREACH OF COVENANT OF QUIET ENJOYMENT;  15. UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES; and  16. CONSTRUTIVE EVICTION

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Plaintiffs KEVIN MCGLYNN, JONATHAN SHOCKLEY, RUTH KRAVINSKY, LIANI TJOKRONEGORO, ARNOLDO MONTESINOS BERRIO, JOHN CASEY, ALEXANDER HARRISON, VICKY JIN, MICHAEL STANFIELD, ROBERT OLESON, LESLIE COYNE, DAVID MURRAY, BRIAN YEP, WILLIAM HUDSON, CARL SHELL, GERALD HEUMAN, DONALD NITTO, RUDY JAMES, CLARENCE CORMIER, JAN HARMAN, JAMES SCANNELL, THOMAS LUBY, DOROTHY ARKELL, WILLIAM BURKE, and GARY

- At the time of the filing of this action, Plaintiffs KEVIN MCGLYNN, JONATHAN SHOCKLEY, RUTH KRAVINSKY, LIANI TJOKRONEGORO, ARNOLDO MONTESINOS BERRIO, JOHN CASEY, ALEXANDER HARRISON, VICKY JIN,
- MICHAEL STANFIELD, ROBERT OLESON, LESLIE COYNE, DAVID MURRAY, BRIAN
- YEP, WILLIAM HUDSON, CARL SHELL, GERALD HEUMAN, DONALD NITTO, RUDY
- JAMES, CLARENCE CORMIER, JAN HARMAN, JAMES SCANNELL, THOMAS LUBY,
- DOROTHY ARKELL, WILLIAM BURKE, and GARY GARMAN (collectively "Plaintiffs")
- were individuals over the age of eighteen and residents of the City and County of San Francisco,
- 2. The acts and/or failures to act complained of herein occurred in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, in the above-named Judicial District.
- 3. Defendants 1000 SUTTER LLC; ECS HOUSING CORPORATION; CARITAS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, and DOES 1 through 10 (collectively "Defendants") are individuals or business entities of unknown form who at all times relevant herein resided or conducted business in San Francisco, California, and at all times relevant herein had an ownership interest in the residential rental property located at a residential building called "The Granada Hotel," which is located at 1000 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California (hereinafter the "Granada" or the "Subject Property"), were involved in the management of the Subject Property, were the agents of said owners and/or managers, or have held themselves out as agents or representatives of the other Defendants with respect to the ownership and/or management of the Subject Property. The Subject Property includes various residential rental units where the

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Plaintiffs resided at all relevant times described herein. These Defendants owned and operated the Subject Property from approximately November 13, 2020 and continuing through the date of the filing of this Complaint.

- 4. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of the Defendants designated as Does 1 10, inclusive, and therefore sue such Defendants by such fictitious names under the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 474. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint when the true names and capacities of said Defendants are ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each of the fictitiously named Defendants are responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that Plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by such occurrences.
- 5. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereby allege that at all times mentioned herein, and continuing to the present, each of the Defendants was and is the agent, employee, servant, co-partner, joint venturer, and/or co-conspirator of each other Defendant, and in doing so, *inter alia*, the acts and omissions alleged herein, acted and continues to act within the purpose and scope, and in furtherance, of said agency, employment, co-partnership, joint venture and/or co-conspiracy, and that such acts were and continue to be consented to and ratified by each of the other Defendants.
- 6. At all times mentioned herein, and continuing to the present, each of the Defendants was/were Plaintiffs' landlords, and Plaintiffs were the tenants of the Defendants, as the terms "landlord" and "tenant" are defined under California common law, Section 1161, et. seq., Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1980, et. seq. of the Civil Code, under the San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (the "Rent Ordinance"), and as defined under other California statutory law. Under Section 37.2(h) of the Rent Ordinance, agents and representatives of the owners of residential property are defined to be "landlords." The named Defendants and Does 1 through 10 assisted, advised, abetted and conspired with each other in carrying out the acts herein alleged.

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### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 7. At all times relevant herein, Defendants, and/or their predecessors-in-interest, leased, operated, managed, and/or controlled the Subject Property and Plaintiffs were residential "tenants" of the Subject Property.
- 8. All of the Plaintiffs' tenancies in this matter pre-date Defendants ownership and management of the Subject Property which began in or around November 2020. When Plaintiffs rented their rental units in the Subject Property from the Defendants' predecessors-in-interest the parties entered into a landlord-tenant relationship. This relationship, as well as the Subject Unit, was subject to the requirements and obligations set forth in the Rent Ordinance, State Law, Federal Law, and the rental agreement for the Subject Property. The Plaintiffs rental units are and at all relevant times were subject to the "just cause" eviction provisions of Section 37.9(a) of the Rent Ordinance, which sets forth exclusive grounds for recovering possession of covered residential rental units in San Francisco, and the rent control limitations set forth in the Rent Ordinance.
- 9. In or around 1999, Plaintiff Kevin McGlynn ("MCGLYNN"), a senior person, moved into Room 612 of the Subject Property. Room 612 is a large room without a private bathroom that Plaintiff McGlynn shared with a roommate. In or around 2000, Plaintiff McGlynn moved from Room 612 to Room 618. Room 618 is a single room without a private bathroom. On or about September 17, 2014, Plaintiff McGlynn moved from Room 618 to Room 220 pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 220 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 220, the monthly rent was approximately \$900. Plaintiff McGlynn's current monthly rent is \$1,051. At all times relevant, Plaintiff McGlynn has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which has been included in his base rent.
- 10. On or about June 1999, Plaintiff Jonathan Shockley ("SHOCKLEY"), a disabled person, moved into Room 125 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 125 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy the monthly rent was approximately \$780. In or around March 2016, Plaintiff Shockley

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moved from Room 125 to Room 123 of the Subject Property due to habitability problems in Room 125 and pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 123 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 123 the monthly rent was approximately \$1,000. Plaintiff Shockley's current monthly rent is \$1,060. At all relevant times Plaintiff Shockley has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which has been included in his base rent.

- 11. On or about June 2002, Plaintiff Ruth Kravinsky ("KRAVINSKY"), a senior person, moved into Room 314 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 314 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of her tenancy in Room 314, the monthly rent was \$1,125. Plaintiff Kravinsky's current monthly rent is \$1,309. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Kravinsky participated the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in her base rent.
- 12. 2003, On about September Plaintiff Liani Tjokronegoro or ("TJOKRONEGORO") moved into Room 118 of the Subject Property. Room 118 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of her tenancy in Room 118 the monthly rent was \$600. On or around February 2011, Plaintiff Tjokronegoro moved into Room 926 pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 926 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of her tenancy in Room 926, the monthly rent was approximately \$1,100. Plaintiff Liani Tjokronegoro's current monthly rent is \$1,183. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Tjokronegoro has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in her base rent.
- 13. On or about March 2004, Plaintiff Arnoldo Montesinos Berrio ("MONTESINOS BERRIO"), a senior and military veteran, moved into Room 704 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 704 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 704 the monthly rent was approximately \$900. Plaintiff Montesinos Berrio's current monthly rent is \$1,252. At all relevant times Plaintiff Montesinos Berrio participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in his base rent.

- 14. On or about April 2008, Plaintiff John Casey ("CASEY"), a senior person, moved into Room 621 of the Subject Property. Room 621 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy Plaintiff Casey's monthly rent was approximately \$800. In or around 2013 Plaintiff Casey moved to Room 624 pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 624 is a single room with a private bathroom. Plaintiff Casey's current monthly rent is \$1,280. At all relevant times Plaintiff Casey has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in his base rent.
- 15. On or about October 1, 2009, Plaintiff Alexander Harrison ("HARRISON"), a senior and disabled military veteran, moved into Room 518 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 518 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 518 the monthly rent was \$1,200. Plaintiff Harrison's current monthly rent is \$1,361.28. At all relevant times Plaintiff Harrison has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in his base rent.
- 16. On or about January 4, 2012, Plaintiff Vicky Jin ("JIN"), a disabled person, moved into Room 601 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 601 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of her tenancy in Room 601 the monthly rent was \$1,850. Plaintiff Jin's current monthly rent is \$2,228. At all relevant times Plaintiff Jin has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in her base rent.
- 17. On or about November 2012, Plaintiff Michael Stanfield ("STANFIELD"), a senior person, moved into Room 919 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 919 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 919 the monthly rent was approximately \$1,735. Plaintiff Stanfield's current monthly rent is \$2,180. At all relevant times Plaintiff Stanfield has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in his base rent.
- 18. On or about December 15, 2012, Plaintiff Robert George Oleson ("OLESON"), a senior person, moved into Room 525 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 525 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the

inception of his tenancy in Room 525 the monthly rent was approximately \$700. Plaintiff Oleson's current monthly rent is \$849. Plaintiff Oleson participated in the Granada's meal service plan until approximately November or December of 2016, which was not included in his base rent and was an additional \$200 per month.

- 19. On or about March 2013, Plaintiff Leslie Coyne ("COYNE"), a senior person, moved into Room 722 of the Subject Property. Room 722 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of her tenancy in Room 722 the monthly rent was approximately \$1,200. Plaintiff Coyne has also resided in Rooms 621, 615, and 620 of the Subject Property. Plaintiff Coyne has resided in Room 620 since Fall of 2017. Room 620 is a single room with a private bathroom. Plaintiff Coyne's current monthly rent is \$1,790. At all relevant times Plaintiff Coyne has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, for which she pays approximately an additional \$250 per month.
- 20. On or about November 2013, Plaintiff David Murray ("MURRAY"), a disabled person, moved into Room 126 of the Subject Property. Room 126 consists of a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 126 the monthly rent was approximately \$2,300. On or about July or August 2018, Plaintiff Murray moved into Room 206 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. Room 206 is also a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 206 the monthly rent was approximately \$2,300. Plaintiff Murray's current monthly rent is \$2,349. Plaintiff David Murray participated in the Granada's meal service plan until the Summer of 2016, which was not included in his base rent and was an additional \$250 per month.
- 21. On or about May 21, 2009, Plaintiff Jonathan Brian Yep ("YEP") moved into Room 714 of the Subject Property. Room 714 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 714 the monthly rent was \$1,352.62. On or about June 26, 2014, due to a shower leak in Room 714, Plaintiffs Yep moved into Room 608, where he currently resides. Room 608 is also a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of Plaintiff Yep's tenancy in Room 608, the monthly rent was \$2,150. Plaintiff Yep's current monthly rent is \$2,394. At all relevant times Plaintiff Yep has participated in the Granada's meal

service plan, which is not included in his base rent and for which he pays an additional \$300 per month. YEP has provided Defendants notice that he is vacating his rental unit at the Subject Property due to their acts and omissions alleged herein.

- 22. On or about January 2016, Plaintiff William Hudson ("HUDSON"), a senior and disabled military veteran, moved into Room 927 of the Subject Property. Room 927 consists of a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 927 Plaintiff Hudson's monthly rent was \$2,100. In or around January 2017, Plaintiff Hudson moved to Room 925 pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 925 is also a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 925, Plaintiff Hudson's monthly rent was \$1,600. Plaintiff Hudson's current monthly rent is approximately \$1,665. At all relevant times Plaintiff Hudson has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, for which he pays an additional \$275 per month.
- 23. On or about March 1, 2013, Plaintiff Carl Shell ("SHELL"), moved into Room 615 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 615 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 615, the monthly rent was approximately \$700. On or about September 2014, Plaintiff Shell moved from Room 615 to Room 502. Room 502 is a single room without a private bathroom. Plaintiff Shell's current monthly rent is \$1,268. At all relevant times Plaintiff Shell has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in his base rent.
- 24. On or about April 2012, Plaintiff Gerald Heuman ("HEUMAN"), a senior and disabled person, moved into Room 221 of the Subject Property pursuant to written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 221 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 221, the monthly rent was approximately \$1,525. In or around 2014, Plaintiff Heuman moved from Room 221 to Room 710. Room 710 is a single room with a private bathroom. Plaintiff Heuman's current rent is \$1,825. Plaintiff Heuman participated in the Granada's meal service plan until on or about 2015, which was not included in his base rent and was an additional \$300 per month.
  - 25. In or around 1998, Plaintiff Donald Nitto ("NITTO"), a senior and military

veteran, moved into a room located on the fourth floor of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease with Defendants. On or about February 2018, Plaintiff Nitto moved from a room on the fourth floor to Room 224. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 224 the monthly rent was approximately \$1,324. Room 224 is a single room with a private bathroom that he shares with Plaintiff James from on or about July 1, 2020, to present. Plaintiff Nitto's current monthly rent is \$504. At all relevant times Plaintiff Nitto participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which is included in his base rent.

- On or about December 2008, Plaintiff Rudy James ("JAMES"), moved into Room 703 of the Subject Property. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 703, the monthly rental was approximately between \$800 to \$825. On or about February 2009, Plaintiff James moved from Room 703 to Room 203. On or about April 1, 2009, Plaintiff James moved from Room 203 to Room 525. On or about March 1, 2011, Plaintiff James moved from Room 525 to Room 411. On or about October 2016, Plaintiff James moved from Room 411 to Room 227. Rooms 703, 203, 525, 411 and 227 are all single rooms without a private bathroom. On or about July 1, 2020, Plaintiff James moved into Room 224 of the Subject Property due substantial habitability defects in Room 227, including but not limited, a bedbug infestation. Room 224 is a single room with a private bathroom that he shares with Plaintiff Nitto. At the outset of his tenancy in Room 224, his monthly rent was approximately between \$1,000 to \$1,350. Plaintiff James' current monthly rent is \$504. At all relevant times Plaintiff James has participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which was included in his base rent.
- 27. On or about September 2014, Plaintiff Clarence Cormier ("CORMIER"), a senior and disabled military veteran, moved into Room 606 of the Subject Property. Room 606 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy the monthly rent was approximately \$2,300. Plaintiff Cormier's current rent is approximately \$2,000. Plaintiff Cormier participated in the Granada's meal service plan until on or about September 2018, which was included in his base rent.
- 28. In or around 2014, Plaintiff Jan Harman ("HARMAN"), a senior and disabled military veteran, moved into Room 226 of the Subject Property. Room 226 is a single room

without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy in Room 226 the monthly rent was approximately \$2,200. At an unknown time, Plaintiff Harman moved from Room 226 to Room 324. Room 324 is a single room with a private bathroom. In or around 2018, Plaintiff Harman moved from Room 324 to Room 319. Room 319 is a single room with a private bathroom that does not include a bathtub or shower. Plaintiff Harman's current monthly rent is \$1,800. Plaintiff Harman does not participate in the Granada's meal service plan.

- 29. On or about April 4, 2014, Plaintiff James Scannell ("SCANNELL"), a senior disabled person, moved into Room 911 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 911 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy the monthly rent was approximately \$1,050. Plaintiff Scannell's current monthly rent is approximately \$1,144. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Scannell has participated in the Granada's meal service plan which is included in his base rent.
- 30. On or about February 16, 2011, Plaintiff Thomas Luby ("LUBY"), a senior person, moved into Room 719 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease with Defendants. Room 719 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy, the monthly rent was approximately \$1,250. Plaintiff Luby's current monthly rent is approximately \$1,444. Plaintiff Luby participated in the Granada's meal service plan from on or about February 16, 2011, to on or about May 2021, which was included in his base rent.
- 31. On or about November 1, 2017, Plaintiff Dorothy Arkell ("ARKELL"), a senior disabled person, moved into Room 604 of the Subject Property. Room 604 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the inception of her tenancy, the monthly rent was \$2,100. On or about May 22, 2021, Plaintiff Arkell vacated the Subject Property due to substantial habitability defects. At the time she vacated, Plaintiff Arkell's monthly rent was \$2,100. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Arkell participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which was not included in her base rent and was an additional \$300 per month.
- 32. On or about June 10, 1996, Plaintiff William Burke ("BURKE"), a senior and disabled military veteran, moved into Room 124 of the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with Defendants. Room 124 is a single room with a private bathroom. At the

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inception of his tenancy, the monthly rent was approximately \$975. On or about June 22, 2020, due to a severe mice infestation and excessive presence of cockroaches and bedbugs, Plaintiff Burke was temporarily relocated to Room 118. Room 118 is a single room without a private bathroom. At Defendants' request, Plaintiff paid Defendant approximately \$1,300 to have Room 124 repaired for severe habitability defects and dilapidated carpets. Notwithstanding Plaintiff Burke's decrease in housing services, without a corresponding decrease in rent; Plaintiff Burke continued to pay full rent in the amount of \$1,300 while he temporarily resided in Room 118 without a private bathroom. On or about April 5, 2020, Plaintiff Burke vacated the Subject Property. At the time Plaintiff Burke vacated, his monthly rent was \$1,300. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Burke participated in the Granada's meal service plan, which was included in his base rent

- 33. In or around 2016, Plaintiff Gary Garman ("GARMAN"), a senior, disabled military veteran, moved into the Subject Property pursuant to a written lease agreement with the Defendants. In 2018 Plaintiff Garman moved into Room 112, where he continues to reside. Room 112 is a single room without a private bathroom. At the inception of his tenancy and continuing to the present Plaintiff Garman's monthly rent for Room 112 has been \$1,828.
- 34. When Plaintiffs rented their respective rooms at the Subject Property from the Defendants predecessors-in-interest the parties entered into a landlord-tenant relationship. This relationship, as well as the Subject Property, was subject to the requirements and obligations set forth in the San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance (the "Rent Ordinance"), California State law, Federal Law, and the respective rental agreements for the Subject Property. The Subject Property is and at all relevant times was subject to the "just cause" eviction provisions and rent control limits provided in the Rent Ordinance. At the time that Plaintiffs began their respective tenancies at the Subject Property and continuing thereafter, the Defendants' predecessors-in-interest had branded and marketed the Granada as a "Retirement Community," which provided many services and benefits for elderly residents. Defendants continued to make these representations to the Plaintiffs and other tenants of the Subject Property when they took over ownership and management of the Subject Property. As such, when

Defendants took over their ownership and management of the Subject Property they knew that the existing tenant base was predominantly an elderly, disabled, and vulnerable population. However, Defendants have failed to provide the living conditions and amenities needed by that population due to their age and physical condition, and they also have failed to provide adequate security to the Plaintiffs and other tenants at the Subject Property.

- 35. When Defendants took over the ownership and management of the Subject Property, it was their plan and intention to change the use the Subject Property from a residential apartment building housing predominantly long-term and rent controlled elderly and disabled people to a more profitable supportive housing property housing the homeless. However, Defendants represented to the Plaintiffs at various times starting approximately October 2020 that they would manage the Subject Property in a reasonable and responsible manner and that the change of use of the Subject Property would not change or impact the ongoing tenancies of the legacy tenants and it would be a place where the Plaintiffs [and other legacy tenants] could remain and have comfortable living arrangements. However, Defendants failed to property or reasonably manage the Subject Property and manage their changed use of the Subject Property [failing to provide the support and security needed for the "supportive housing" use of the Subject Property], and as a result have created a significant decrease in services to Plaintiffs and also created and maintained dangerous and nuisance conditions at the Subject Property.
- 36. Over the years of Plaintiffs' tenancies at the Subject Property there have existed numerous and substantial habitability defects, reductions in service, and dangerous conditions which existed in Plaintiffs' individual rental units and the common areas and other rental units in the Subject Property that together and individually constituted violations of the rental agreement between Plaintiffs and Defendants, as well as violations of applicable housing and residential tenancy laws, including but not limited to numerous provisions of the Uniform Housing Code, Civil Code Sections 1714, 1927, 1941 *et seq.*, 1954.602, 1954.603, 1954.604, 1954.605, and 3479, Health and Safety Code Sections 17910 and 17920.3, San Francisco Municipal Health Code, San Francisco Building Code, San Francisco Housing Code, the Director's Rules and Regulations for Prevention and Control of Bed Bugs promulgated by the City and Country of

San Francisco, as well as numerous other code violations. These defective and dangerous conditions which existed in Plaintiffs' individual rental units and the common areas and other rental units in the Subject Property were caused by the improper and unreasonable acts and omissions of the Defendants, and reflected decay, neglect, negligence, unpermitted and unworkmanlike repairs, and a lack of adequate maintenance and management of the Plaintiffs' individual rental units and the common areas and other rental units in the Subject Property by the Defendants and their agents over a prolonged period of time. Some of the defective and dangerous conditions in the Plaintiffs' individual rental units and the common areas and other rental units in the Subject Property constituted immediate life-threatening hazards, directly affecting the health and safety of the Plaintiffs, the other residents of the Subject Property, and their guests. The defective and dangerous conditions included but were not limited to the following:

- a. Pervasive vermin infestations, including infestations of bed bugs, rodents, spiders, cockroaches, mites, and other insects in the common areas and in individual units;
- b. Unsanitary common bathrooms which are not kept clean, some with plumbing leaks, sewage and other environmental contamination, and dilapidated or broken windows;
- c. Ineffective weather proofing and protection, including but not limited to loose, dilapidated and defective windows;
- d. Lack of adequate heat;
- e. Dilapidated, stained and foul-smelling carpeting throughout the premises;
- f. Excessive moisture and resulting mold, mildew, and other biological contaminants in individual units;
- g. Lack of adequate locking front door, entry gate, and security personnel;
- h. Inadequate or lack of hot water;
- i. Contaminated water in the common area bathrooms and in the individual units:
- j. Failure to perform reasonable "due diligence" regarding prospective tenants and properly respond to tenant complaints of harassment and interference of their right to quiet enjoyment by nuisance tenants;
- k. Failure to take precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic since they have

taken over the ownership and management of the Subject Property; and

- 1. Failure to provide the supervision and supportive services needed for the population of tenants Defendants have housed at the Subject Property since they have taken over the ownership and management of the Subject Property in the fall of 2020.
- 37. At various times during their tenancies at the Subject Property, all Plaintiffs verbally notified Defendants of the substandard and defective conditions at the Subject Property, with some Plaintiffs also complaining to Defendants in writing.
- 38. Defendants have had actual knowledge of the substandard and defective conditions at the Subject Property and knowingly failed and/or refused to make repairs. In fact, at the time that Defendants obtained their ownership and management interests in the Subject Property they knew or should have known that many of the Plaintiffs had been recently involved in a lawsuit against former owners and managers of the Subject Property pursing claims regarding all of the above listed habitability issues. There had also been a prior habitability lawsuit filed about the substandard conditions at the Granada in 2006, which was resolved in or around 2009, of which Defendants knew or should have known about. In addition, there had been numerous Notices of Violations ("NOV" or "NOVs") pertaining to substandard conditions and/or code violations at the Subject Property issued by the Department of Building Inspection ("DBI") and Department of Public Health ("DPH"), some of which were outstanding at the time Defendants took over their ownership and management interests in the Subject Property. Some of the outstanding habitability issues that had been cited in the outstanding NOVs in or around the time Defendants took over the Subject Property included but were not limited to:
  - a. Bed bug infestations;
    - b. Rodent infestations;
    - c. Cockroach infestations;
  - d. Damaged walls;
    - e. Damaged floor coverings;
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  - g. Faulty weatherproofing, and

created an unsafe and substandard living environment for the Plaintiffs.

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personal property damage and loss; and fear of loss of housing; the amount of which for each Plaintiff exceeds the minimum jurisdictional threshold of this Court [over \$25,000] and which will be proven at trial.

- Plaintiffs MCGLYNN, SHOCKLEY, KRAVISNKY, MONTESINOS BERRIO, 44. CASEY, HARRISON, JIN, STANFIELD, OLESON, COYNE, MURRAY, HUDSON, HEUMAN, NITTO, CORMIER, HARMAN, SCANNELL, LUBY, ARKELL, BURKE, and GARMAN are either "senior citizens" and/or "disabled persons," as defined under Civil Code Section 1761(f) and (g). Defendants' unlawful conduct alleged herein involved one or more of the factors set forth in Civil Code Section 3345(b)(1), (2), and (3). Specifically, Defendants knew, or should have known, that their conduct toward certain Plaintiffs as alleged herein was directed to senior citizens and/or disabled persons, and that such conduct caused these Plaintiffs to suffer one or more losses, as set forth in Civil Code Section 3345(b)(2). Furthermore, Defendants knew or should have known that these Plaintiffs as senior citizens and/or disabled persons, were substantially more vulnerable than other members of the public to Defendants' conduct because of poor health, restricted mobility or disability, and actually suffered substantial physical, emotional, and/or economic damages resulting from Defendants' conduct. Therefore, the named senior and/or disabled Plaintiffs' request fines, penalties, and damages three times in excess of that provided by statute or law pursuant to Civil Code Section 3345.
- 45. In committing the acts and omissions alleged herein, Defendants acted with specific intent to cause injury to Plaintiffs. Defendants' conduct was without right for justification and done for the purpose of depriving Plaintiffs of their right to possession of the Property. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereby allege, that Defendants' actions were done in total disregard for the safety and welfare of Plaintiffs, with malice, oppression, and fraud, as defined in Civil Code Section 3294, and therefore Plaintiffs should recover, in addition to actual damages, punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
BREACH OF STATUTORY WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY

(All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 46. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 47. By the acts and omissions alleged herein, and as alleged in detail above, Defendants have violated various statutes pertaining to the warranty of habitability under California Law, including, among others, Civil Code Section 1941, *et. seq*, and Health and Safety Code Section 17920.3, related to non-code compliant, unsafe, unhealthy and/or defective conditions alleged in this Complaint.
- 48. Defendants inspected Plaintiffs' individual rental units and the common areas of the Subject Property on numerous occasions during the Plaintiffs' tenancies, and Defendants had both actual and constructive knowledge of the non-code compliant, unsafe, unhealthy and/or defective conditions alleged in this Complaint. Despite said notice, Defendants failed to take all reasonable and necessary steps to repair such conditions at all times relevant herein, and failed to or refused to repair the non-code compliant, unsafe, unhealthy and/or defective conditions alleged herein within a reasonable time, or at all.
- 49. Plaintiffs paid rent to Defendants during their tenancies at the Subject Property, and/or were excused from paying full rent due to state and local laws and regulations.
- 50. Neither the Plaintiffs nor anyone acting on their behalf has done anything to cause, create or contribute to the existence of the non-code compliant, unsafe, unhealthy and/or defective conditions alleged herein. Further, the Subject Property and the individual rental units therein, as they existed in a defective and dangerous condition, had limited rental value.
- 51. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct alleged herein, the Subject Property and the individual rental units therein were in a substandard condition, Defendants were in breach of the statutory warranty of habitability and, as a result Plaintiffs have suffered special and general damages, including personal injury, economic loss, personal property loss, overpayment of rent, loss of use of the their rental units and the common areas, rent differential damages, non-economic loss and general damages, as well as emotional distress,

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all to their detriment, in an amount to be determined at trial.

52 Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the acts and omissions of the Defendants as alleged were done with oppression, fraud, and malice as defined in Civil Code Section 3294, and done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as tenants in the Subject Property. As such, Plaintiffs should recover, in addition to actual damages, damages to make an example of and to punish Defendants.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though 53. fully set forth herein.
- 54. The warranty of habitability is implied in all residential rental agreements and imposes upon a landlord the obligation to maintain the leased dwelling in a habitable condition throughout the term of the lease. This implied warranty of habitability is a corollary to the residential landlord's statutory obligation under Civil Code Section 1941, et seq.
- 55. The Defendants violated the warranty of habitability implied in each of the Plaintiffs' rental agreements and implied by their tenancies at the Subject Property, by undertaking the course of conduct described in detail herein that directly resulted in the existence of the non-code compliant, unsafe, unhealthy and/or defective conditions alleged herein.
- 56. The Defendants failed to protect the life, safety and property of Plaintiffs. Instead, they disregarded local and state housing and safety laws to Plaintiffs' detriment and for their benefit.
- 57. The Defendants knew or should have known about the numerous violations of the warranty of habitability existing in and around the Subject Property, and Defendants also knew or should have known that permitting the defective conditions alleged herein to exist at the Plaintiffs individual rental units and the common areas of the Subject Property would cause Plaintiffs physical and emotional injury, and that such conduct would constitute a serious threat and danger to the health and safety of the Plaintiffs and all residents of the Granada.

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58. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct alleged herein, the individual rental units and the common areas of the Subject Property were in a substandard condition, Defendants were in breach of the statutory warranty of habitability and, as a result Plaintiffs have suffered special and general damages, including personal injury, economic loss, personal property loss, overpayment of rent, loss of use of their rental units and the common areas, rent differential damages, non-economic loss and general damages, as well as emotional distress, all to their detriment, in an amount to be determined at trial.

59. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the acts and omissions of the Defendants as alleged were done with oppression, fraud, and malice as defined in Civil Code Section 3294, and done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as tenants in the Subject Property. As such, Plaintiffs should recover, in addition to actual damages, damages to make an example of and to punish Defendants.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF THE RENT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 37 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – COUNT ONE OVERCHARGING OF RENT (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates each of the foregoing allegations as though

Due to the length of Plaintiffs' tenancies in their residential rental units in the Subject Property, Plaintiffs' monthly rent was below market rate based upon the rent increase limitations set forth in the Rent Ordinance. The Defendants violated the Rent Ordinance by causing Plaintiffs to pay monthly rental amounts for their residential rental units in the Subject Property which exceeded the limitations set forth in the Rent Ordinance, due to: the decrease in housing services without a corresponding reduction in rent resulting from the defective and dangerous conditions of their residential rental units in the Subject Property and the common areas of the Subject Property; the breaches of the warranty of habitability alleged herein; the harassment of Plaintiffs described herein; Defendants' placement of additional roommates into Plaintiffs' single-occupancy rooms; and the breaches of covenant of quiet enjoyment alleged

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- 62. The Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge of the decreases in housing services described herein and they failed to grant Plaintiffs any corresponding reduction in rent. By failing to reduce Plaintiffs' rent to compensate for the decreases in housing services in their residential rental units in the Subject Property (and the common areas of the Subject Property), as well as the other allegations herein, the Defendants have charged Plaintiffs a rental amount which exceeds the limitations set forth in the Rent Ordinance.
- 63. Pursuant to Section 37.11A of the Rent Ordinance, the Plaintiffs are entitled to a rebate of all rent overcharges paid in amounts to be proven at trial as well as an award of reasonable attorney's fees.
- 64. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the acts and omissions of the Defendants as alleged were done with oppression, fraud, and malice as defined in Civil Code Section 3294, and done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as tenants in the Subject Property. As such, Plaintiffs should recover, in addition to actual damages, damages to make an example of and to punish Defendants.

### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

### VIOLATION OF THE RENT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 37 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – COUNT TWO TENANT HARASSMENT

(All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 65. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 66. At all pertinent times, Plaintiffs' tenancies in their residential rental units at the Subject Unit were covered by the rent control limitations and eviction control protections, as well as the anti-harassment provisions found in Section 37.10B of the Rent Ordinance. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereby alleges that Defendants' actions, as alleged herein, were done in bad faith.
- 67. Throughout Plaintiffs' tenancies, Defendants harassed Plaintiffs in violation of Section 37.10B of the San Francisco Rent Ordinance, as set forth in paragraph 42 above and

elsewhere in this Complaint. In pursing these acts and omissions, Defendants had the bad faith unlawful intention, ulterior motive and dishonest intent to force Plaintiffs to live with the substandard and unlawful conditions at the Subject Property, to not complain regarding the conditions, and make life harder for the more longer-term tenants in an effort to force them to vacate their rental units in the Subject Property. Defendants' acts and omissions alleged herein violated the Rent Ordinance, including but not limited to Section 37.10B, which prohibits landlord harassment of tenants.

- 68. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer the following damages: personal injury and substantial discomfort; decrease in housing services without a corresponding reduction in rent; overpayment and/or excessive payment of rent; payment of rent when rent was not legally due; loss of use and enjoyment of the property; fear of loss of housing; personal property damage; loss of personal property; and annoyance and emotional distress, all to their detriment, in an amount to be determined at trial and for each Plaintiff in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limit of this Court. In addition, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover monetary damages of not less than three times their actual damages (including the trebling of their emotional distress as Defendants acted in reckless disregard of Plaintiffs' rights) as well as recovery of their reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Furthermore Section 37.10B(c) provides:
  - (4) Injunction. Any person who commits an act, proposes to commit an act, or engages in any pattern and practice which violates this Section 37.10B may be enjoined therefrom by any court of competent jurisdiction. An action for injunction under this subsection may be brought by an aggrieved person, by the City Attorney, or by any person or entity who will fairly and adequately represent the interest of the protected class.
- 69. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the acts and omissions of the Defendants as alleged were done with oppression, fraud, and malice as defined in Civil Code Section 3294, and done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as tenants in the Subject Property. As such, Plaintiffs should recover, in addition to actual damages, damages to make an example of and to punish Defendants.

### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# VIOLATION OF THE RENT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 37 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – COUNT THREE WRONG ENDEAVER TO RECOVER POSSESSION IN VIOLATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO RENT ORDINANCE

(Plaintiffs YEP, BURKE, AND ARKELL Against All Defendants)

- 70. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. Defendants' acts and omissions alleged herein was part of a plan to unlawfully cause Plaintiffs to vacate their home in a manner not permitted under Section 37.9(a) of the Rent Ordinance.
- 72. Plaintiffs vacated the Subject Property due to Defendants' failure to properly remediate and perform necessary repairs at the Subject Property, including their failure to fully remediate water damage, water intrusion, excessive moisture conditions, and environmental contamination at the Subject Unit and Subject Property, including purposefully delaying repairs and decreasing in housing services; and; therefore, Defendants recovered possession of the Subject Unit from Plaintiffs in a manner that was not in good faith and with ulterior reason, and without honest intent.
- 73. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer the following damages: bodily injury; medical expenses; loss of earnings and/or earning capacity; other out-of-pocket costs, substantial discomfort; overpayment and/or excessive payment of rent; moving expenses; loss of use and enjoyment of the property; fear of loss of housing; actual loss of housing by constructive eviction; rent differential damages, and general damages and emotional distress, all to their detriment, in an amount to be determined at trial and in excess of the jurisdictional limit of this Court. Pursuant to Section 37.9(f) of the Rent Ordinance, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover monetary damages of not less than three times actual damages, as well as recovery of reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
  - 74. Defendants' conduct alleged herein was oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, and

done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as tenant. Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to recover punitive damages against the Defendants in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA FEHA – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION [CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12900 et seq.] (Plaintiffs SHOCKLEY, HARRISON, MURRAY, HUDSON, HEUMAN, CORMIER, HARMAN, SCANNELL, ARKELL, BURKE, and GARMAN Against All Defendants)

- 75. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 76. Plaintiffs SHOCKLEY, HARRISON, MURRAY, HUDSON, HEUMAN, CORMIER, HARMAN, SCANNELL, ARKELL, BURKE, and GARMAN belong to a protected class under the Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA"), California Government Code section 12900, *et seq.* based upon their medical conditions and disabilities. Defendants knew or reasonably should have known that these Plaintiffs suffered from various disabling conditions. These named Plaintiffs are "aggrieved person[s]" under FEHA since they "claim[s] to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice or believe that [they] have and will be injured by a discriminatory housing practice."
- 77. FEHA makes it unlawful for the owner of a housing accommodation to discriminate against any person because of disability. By refusing to assist disabled Plaintiffs with addressing the vermin/pest infestations and offer Plaintiffs reasonable accommodations in response to their numerous requests for said reasonable accommodations pertaining to the pest control issues outlined herein, other habitability defects alleged herein, and the nuisance conditions alleged herein, and by refusing to engage in any good faith interactive process with Plaintiffs regarding their requests for reasonable accommodation pertaining to the pest control issues outlined herein, other habitability defects alleged herein, and the nuisance conditions alleged herein, Defendants have engaged in unlawful discrimination on the basis of Plaintiffs' disability status.
  - 78. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the course of conduct by Defendants

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alleged herein was an effort to intimidate and harass these Plaintiffs, which was motivated, in part or in whole, and/or has had a discriminatory effect on the basis of disability in violation of these Plaintiffs' rights under California Government Code section 12900 et seq. In so doing, Defendants were committing a discriminatory housing practice.

- 79. The Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that their conduct as alleged herein would cause Plaintiffs physical, emotional, and financial harm.
- 80. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the Defendants alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered physical, emotional, and financial harm in an amount exceeding the jurisdictional limits of this Court, to be established according to proof at trial.
- 81. The conduct of the Defendants alleged herein was and continues to be oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, and done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as disabled/handicapped tenants. Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to recover punitive damages against the Defendants in an amount to be determined at trial.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

[CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 51 et seq.] (Plaintiffs SHOCKLEY, HARRISON, MURRAY, HUDSON, HEUMAN, CORMIER,

HARMAN, SCANNELL, ARKELL, BURKE, and GARMAN Against All Defendants)

- 82. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- Based upon their medical conditions and disabilities, Plaintiffs SHOCKLEY, 83. HARRISON, MURRAY, HUDSON, HEUMAN, CORMIER, HARMAN, SCANNELL, ARKELL, BURKE, and GARMAN qualify as disabled under the definitions provided by the FEHA, section 12900, et seq. Defendants knew or reasonably should have known that Plaintiffs are disabled under the above definition.
- 84. The Unruh Civil Rights Act ("Unruh Act") makes it unlawful for the owner and/or manager of a housing accommodation to discriminate against any person because of

disability. By refusing to assist disabled Plaintiffs with addressing the vermin/pest infestations and offer Plaintiffs reasonable accommodations in response to their numerous requests for said reasonable accommodations pertaining to the pest control issues outlined herein, other habitability defects alleged herein, and the nuisance conditions alleged herein, and by refusing to engage in any good faith interactive process with Plaintiffs regarding their requests for reasonable accommodation pertaining to the pest control issues outlined herein, other habitability defects alleged herein, and the nuisance conditions alleged herein, Defendants engaged in unlawful discrimination on the basis of Plaintiffs' disability, and targeted Plaintiffs based upon their disability status.

- 85. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the course of conduct by Defendants described herein, was in an effort to intimidate and harass Plaintiffs, and was motivated, in part or in whole, and/or has had a discriminatory effect on the basis of disability in violation of Plaintiffs' rights under the Unruh Act. In so doing, the Defendants were committing a discriminatory housing practice.
- 86. The Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that their conduct as alleged herein would cause Plaintiffs and others similarly situated to suffer physical, emotional, and financial harm.
- 87. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the Defendants alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered physical, emotional, and financial harm in an amount exceeding the jurisdictional limits of this Court, to be established according to proof at trial.
- 88. The conduct of the Defendants alleged herein was oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, and done with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights as disabled/handicapped tenants. Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to recover punitive damages against the Defendants in an amount to be determined at trial.

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### EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**ELDER ABUSE** 

(Plaintiffs MCGLYNN, KRAVINSKY, MONTESINOS BERRIO, CASEY, HARRISON, STANFIELD, OLESON, COYNE, HUDSON, HEUMAN, NITTO, CORMIER, HARMAN, SCANNELL, LUBY, ARKELL, BURKE, and GARMAN Against All Defendants)

- 89. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 90. Plaintiffs MCGLYNN, KRAVINSKY, MONTESINOS BERRIO, CASEY, HARRISON, STANFIELD, OLESON, COYNE, HUDSON, HEUMAN, NITTO, CORMIER, HARMAN, SCANNELL, LUBY, ARKELL, BURKE, and garman were at all relevant times herein mentioned, as related to the wrongful acts alleged by Plaintiffs against Defendants and each of them, over the age of 65 years, and an "Elder" within the meaning of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15610.27.
- 91. Based upon the deplorable conditions in and around the Subject Property and the pervasive habitability and safety issues at the Subject Property, the Defendants charged the elder Plaintiffs identified above excessive rent payments and took/appropriated/retained by their acts and omissions certain of Plaintiffs' personal property rights pertaining to their residential rental units in the Subject Property and the rent paid by Plaintiffs to Defendants, for Defendants' wrongful use and/or with intent to defraud to gain monetarily from their acts and omissions at Plaintiffs' expense.
- 92. Defendants, and each of them, financially abused Plaintiffs by their acts and omissions directed at Plaintiffs pertaining to the bedbug and other insect and vermin infestation(s), as well as the other defective and dangerous conditions alleged above, in violation of Welfare and Institutions Code 15600 et seq. Welfare and Institutions Code § 15610.30 provides in pertinent part:

"Financial abuse" of an elder or dependent adult occurs when a person or entity does any of the following: (1) Takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains or retains real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult for a wrongful use or with intent to defraud, or both. (2) Assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult for a wrongful use or with intent to defraud, or both. (3) Takes, secretes, appropriates,

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obtains, or retains, or assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining, real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult by undue influence, as defined in Section 15610.70.

93. Defendants, and each of them, are guilty of recklessness, fraud or oppression towards Plaintiffs in connection with the abuse of a large group of elders. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15657.5, these Plaintiffs are entitled to enhanced remedies, including but not limited to, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to applicable law.

By virtue of the aforesaid, Defendants, and each of them, have acted negligently

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- negligent which subjected Plaintiffs to cruel and unjust hardship in conscious disregard of the rights and financial and physical safety and well-being of Plaintiffs. Defendants, and each of them, are guilty of malice, fraud or oppression, as defined in California Civil Code Section 3294, and Plaintiffs should therefore recover, in addition to actual damages, damages to make an example of and to punish Defendants. 95. Plaintiffs are "senior citizen[s]" and/or "disabled person[s]," as defined under
- Civil Code Section 1761(f) and (g). Defendants' unlawful conduct alleged herein involved one or more of the factors set forth in Civil Code Section 3345(b)(1), (2), and (3). Specifically, Defendants knew, or should have known, that their conduct toward Plaintiffs as alleged herein was directed to a senior citizens and/or disabled persons, and that such conduct caused such senior citizens and/or disabled persons to suffer one or more losses, as set forth in Civil Code Section 3345(b)(2). Therefore, Plaintiffs requests fines, penalties, and damages three times in excess of that provided by statute or law pursuant to Civil Code Section 3345.

### NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE

(All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 96. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
  - 97. By reason of the landlord-tenant relationship between the Defendants and

Plaintiffs, Defendants owed Plaintiffs a duty to exercise reasonable care in the management and control of the Subject Property, a duty to exercise reasonable care in their communications and representations to Plaintiffs, a duty to provide Plaintiffs with a residential rental property meeting minimum standards of habitability, and they were required to allow Plaintiffs the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the Subject Property.

- 98. By the conduct alleged in detail herein, the Defendants negligently breached the duties that they owed to Plaintiffs.
- 99. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered special and general damages, including personal injury, economic loss, overpayment of rent, loss of use of her rental property, rent differential damages, non-economic loss and general damages, as well as emotional distress, all to her detriment, in an amount to be determined at trial. As alleged herein, Defendants' conduct also justifies the imposition of punitive damages.

# TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION NUISANCE (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 100. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 101. The acts and omissions of Defendants in allowing the defective and dangerous conditions alleged in detail herein to persist and in failing to adequately repair, remediate, and remedy them, in failing to adequately maintain the Subject Unit and Subject Property, and in failing to property or reasonably manage the Subject Property and manage their changed use of the Subject Property [failing to provide the support and security needed for the "supportive housing" use of the Subject Property] has been injurious to health or indecent or offensive to the senses, substantially interfering with Plaintiffs' comfortable enjoyment of the Subject Unit and Subject Property, and thereby constituted a nuisance pursuant to Civil Code Section 3479. Moreover, the defective and dangerous conditions themselves and the unsupported "supportive housing" use of the Subject Property likewise constituted a nuisance.

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102. The Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs as the owners, landlords and managers of the Subject Unit, which they breached by, among other things, by maintaining and/or failing to abate a nuisance within the meaning of Civil Code Section 3479, Code of Civil Procedure Section 731, Section 581(b)(10) of the San Francisco Health Code.

In maintaining and failing to abate the nuisance, the Defendants acted with full 103. knowledge of the consequences thereof and of the damage being caused to Plaintiffs. Despite this knowledge, the Defendants failed to fully abate the nuisance by repairing and/or remediating the defective and dangerous conditions of the Subject Unit and Subject Property. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered special and general damages, including personal injury, economic loss, overpayment of rent, loss of use of their rental property, non-economic loss and general damages, as well as emotional distress and substantial discomfort and annoyance, all to their detriment, in an amount to be determined at trial.

104. The Defendants' actions and/or failure to act were both oppressive and malicious within the meaning of Civil Code Section 3294, in that it subjected Plaintiffs to cruel and unjust hardship in willful and conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights and safety. As such, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

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# (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though 105. fully set forth herein.
- 106. The Defendants' actions and/or failure to act were both oppressive and malicious within the meaning of Civil Code Section 3294, in that it subjected Plaintiffs to cruel and unjust hardship in willful and conscious disregard of her rights and safety. As such, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial. Defendants violated their duty of care to Plaintiffs and violated their statutory duties to Plaintiffs by violating certain

housing, building, and fire codes, local ordinances, and state statutes, including but not limited to the Uniform Housing Code, Civil Code Sections 789.3, and 1941 and 1941.1, et seq., Civil Code Section 1942.4, Health and Safety Code Sections 17910 et seq. (including but not limited to Code Section 17920.3), as well as numerous other code violations.

107. At all times relevant, Plaintiffs belonged to a class of persons for which these statutes were designed to offer protection. The harm that has occurred to Plaintiffs as a result of Defendants violation of the laws, codes, ordinances, and statutes referenced above is they type of harm these laws, codes, ordinances, and statutes were designed to prevent.

108. As a proximate result of Defendants' negligent violation of the statutory duty, as set forth herein, Plaintiffs have suffered actual, special, and general damages in an amount to be determined at trial. Defendants' conduct as alleged herein also justifies the imposition of punitive damages.

# TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF CONTRACT (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 109. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- Defendants pertaining to each Plaintiff's tenancy in their residential rental unit in the Subject Property. All of these separate rental agreements contained implied covenants and agreements including, but not limited to, the following: an implied warranty of habitability and an implied covenant of quiet use and enjoyment, as well as Defendants' abiding by local and state laws and providing Plaintiff with a legally compliant residential rental unit. Plaintiffs performed all of the obligations under each of their rental agreements with Defendants except those obligations for which they were excused or which they were prevented from performing by Defendants' actions and/or omissions.
- 111. The Defendants failed to provide each of the Plaintiffs with a legally compliant residential rental unit, Defendants unlawfully and intentionally mismanaged the Subject Property

in a way that caused deterioration of its physical structures and diminution or loss of the habitability and safety, and Defendants were responsible for the creation and maintenance of nuisance conditions, at the Subject Property all in violation of the rental agreement between the parties. In committing the acts complained of, Defendants materially breached the implied terms of the rental agreement between Plaintiff and Defendants, and caused the damages and injuries to Plaintiffs alleged herein.

112. As a proximate cause of the conduct of Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, and continue to suffer, actual damages and general damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

## THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 113. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 114. Inherent in the residential rental contracts between each of the Plaintiffs and the Defendants was the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, which implies a promise that each party will refrain from doing anything to injure the other's right to receive the benefits of the agreements between the parties, and which protects the parties' reasonable expectations.
- 115. By the acts and omissions described herein, the Defendants violated the covenant of good faith and fair dealing inherent in the residential rental contracts and tenancies at issue herein.
- 116. As a proximate cause of the conduct of the Defendants alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered, and continues to suffer, actual damages and general damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

# FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF QUIET ENJOYMENT (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

117. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.

- 118. By the acts and omissions described above, the Defendants interfered with, interrupted, and deprived Plaintiffs of the full and beneficial use their residential rental units in the Subject Property and disturbed their peaceful possession of their rental units.
- 119. These acts of interference, interruption, deprivation, and disturbance by the Defendants amounted to breaches of the covenant of quiet enjoyment implied in all rental agreements, and codified in California Civil Code section 1927.
- 120. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' violation of Plaintiffs' right to the quiet enjoyment of their residential rental units in the Subject Property, Plaintiffs have suffered special and general damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

### FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES (All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 121. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 122. Plaintiffs bring this action under Business and Professions Code Sections 17200, et seq. and 17500, et seq., on behalf of the general public and as private parties affected by the acts described in this complaint.
- 123. At all times relevant herein, the named Defendants and DOES 1-10 have conducted business under the laws of the United States, the State of California, and of the City and County of San Francisco. In conducting said business, the named Defendants and DOES 1-10 were, and continue to be, obligated to comply with the laws of the United States, the State of California, and of the City and County of San Francisco.
- 124. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the named Defendants and DOES 1-10, who currently own and/or manage or previously owned and/or managed the Subject Property, have engaged in unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices as part of a scheme to make more money by not complying with laws and regulations. Defendants' unfair and fraudulent practices include, but are not limited to:

- a. Failing to maintain and repair the premises as required by numerous residential, health, and safety laws, including, but not limited to, California Civil Code section 1941, *et. seq*, and as required by the implied warranty of habitability;
- b. Decreasing services and staffing to levels below the industry standard and those required by law;
- Failing to provide adequate training to the Granada Hotel management, staff, and employees pertaining to pest control and residential rental property management;
- d. Failing to spend the requisite funds to properly remediate the pest, insect, and rodent infestation at the Subject Property;
- e. Failing to hire adequate pest control professionals in order to abate the pest infestation [including but not limited to the bedbug infestation] at the Subject Property; and
- f. Failing to abide by the requirements of the Director's Rules and Regulations for Prevention and Control of Bed Bugs promulgated by the City and Country of San Francisco;
- g. Reducing services to Plaintiffs during their tenancies at the Subject Property;
- h. Failing to property or reasonably manage the Subject Property and manage your changed use of the Subject Property [failing to provide the support and security needed for the "supportive housing" use of the Subject Property], and as a result have creating a significant decrease in services to Plaintiffs and also creating and maintaining dangerous and nuisance conditions at the Subject Property; and
- i. Obtaining government funds to operate a "supportive housing" facility for the formerly homeless at the Subject Property without providing the support and security resources needed to meet the needs of the legacy and new tenants.
- 125. Said conduct is part of a business scheme that is intended to increase profits by reducing costs and increasing revenue without regard to the lawful obligations of the named Defendants and DOES 1-10 under the laws of the United States, the State of California, and of the City and County of San Francisco, in order to force Plaintiffs and others similarly situated out of the Subject Property and instead bring in "supportive housing" tenants that they can in turn charge more to government agencies and/or non-profit organizations for rent and services for these tenants, replace less profitable legacy tenants with "supportive housing" tenants, and/or

to reduce the expenses used for reasonable and legal upkeep and maintenance of the Subject Property. By reason of said acts, the named Defendants and DOES 1-10 have, and continue to engage in unfair business practices against the Plaintiffs and other tenants in violation of Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 et seq. and 17500 et seq. The actions of the named Defendants and DOES 1-10 is part of an overall business plan designed and intended to force long term rent controlled tenants to over pay rent, vacate their rent controlled tenancies, bring in more profitable "supportive housing" tenants without providing a reasonable and necessary level of support and security, and to increase profits illegally.

126. As a direct and proximate result of said practices, Plaintiffs and other members of the public have been and will be damaged.

# SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE EVICTION (Plaintiffs YEP, ARKELL, and BURKE Against All Defendants)

- 127. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each of the foregoing allegations as though fully set forth herein.
- 128. By reason of the landlord-tenant relationship, Defendants owed to Plaintiffs a duty to exercise reasonable care in the ownership, management, and control of the Subject Property.
- 129. Defendants also owed Plaintiffs a duty to not unreasonably interfere with Plaintiffs' quiet use and enjoyment of the Subject Unit, and to abide by their statutory, contractual, and reasonable duties as Plaintiffs' landlords at the Subject Unit and Subject Property.
- 130. Defendants by the conduct alleged herein, negligently and carelessly maintained, operated, and managed the Subject Property, interfered with Plaintiffs so as to breach the duties enumerated in the proceeding paragraphs, unlawfully harassed Plaintiffs as described herein and misrepresented facts pertaining to the termination of Plaintiffs' tenancy at the Subject Unit, thereby depriving Plaintiffs of exercising their right to peaceably and quietly live at the Subject Property.

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For injunctive relief, including but not limited to the issuance of an Order:

### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PLAINTIFFS KEVIN MCGLYNN, JONATHAN SHOCKLEY, RUTH KRAVINSKY, LIANI TJOKRONEGORO, ARNOLDO MONTESINOS BERRIO, JOHN CASEY, ALEXANDER HARRISON, VICKY JIN, MICHAEL STANFIELD, ROBERT OLESON, LESLIE COYNE, DAVID MURRAY, BRIAN YEP, WILLIAM HUDSON, CARL SHELL, GERALD HEUMAN, DONALD NITTO, RUDY JAMES, CLARENCE CORMIER, JAN HARMAN, JAMES SCANNELL, THOMAS LUBY, DOROTHY ARKELL, WILLIAM BURKE, and GARY GARMAN demand a jury trial in this action. Dated: October 13, 2021 WOLFORD WAYNE LLP JASON N. WOLFORD Attorneys for Plaintiffs KEVIN MCGLYNN, et al.